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SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNKNOWN OFFSHORE POISONEOUS GAS IN
SOUTHERN BRAZIL AND URUGUAY

REF: STATE 099549

EMBASSY AND AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE PLANNING JOINT REPORT ON
THIS ECOLOGICAL DISASTER AFTER FACTS ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN. NO
CASES OF HUMAN DEATH HAVE OCCURRED IN BRAZIL, BUT REPORTS OF THROAT
AND LUNG IRRITATION AND NAUSEA WERE EXTENSIVE. PRESENT ANALYTICAL
RESULTS INDICATE THAT MYSTERY GAS IS PESTICIDE METHYL ISOTHIOCYANATE
BUT ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN. LEADING HYPOTHESIS IS LEAKAGE FROM
CARGO OF SUNKEN SHIP (POSSIBLY FREIGHTER "TAQUARI" WHICH SANK
7 YEARS AGO ON WAY FROM NEWPORT TO BUENOS AIRES WITH CARGO FROM
DOW CHEMICAL INTERNATIONAL).
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